

## CLAIMS

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1. A method for forwarding a telephone call, in which the caller receives a "no answer" or "busy" signal, comprising the steps of:  
5      routing the incoming telephone call to a dedicated server;  
identifying the number being dialed;  
associating an email address with said dialed number; and  
forwarding the voice message as an email message to said email address.

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2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said step of forwarding comprises the steps of:  
15      digitizing the voice message into a wave file; and  
attaching said wave file to the email message.

3. A method according to claim 1, and further comprising the steps of:  
storing said voice message in a voice box; and  
the recipient retrieving said voice message by telephone.

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4. A method for forwarding a telephone call in email message format to a recipient, the method comprising the steps of:  
20      the caller dialing a dedicated telephone number;  
identifying the telephone number of the caller;  
the caller entering the telephone number of the recipient of the telephone call;  
associating an email address with the telephone number of the recipient; and

forwarding the voice message as an email message to said email address.

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5. A method according to claim 4, wherein said step of forwarding comprises the steps of:

5        digitizing the voice message into a wave file; and attaching said wave file to the email message.

6. A method according to claim 4, and further comprising the steps of:

          storing said voice message in a voice box; and the recipient retrieving said voice message by telephone.

10      7. A method according to claim 4, and further comprising the step of:

          verifying whether the caller's telephone number matches the registered telephone number of the caller.

8. A method according to claim 7, and if the identified telephone number does not match the registered telephone number of the caller, further comprising

15      the step of:

          only forwarding the voice message if a correct password and the registered telephone number associated with the caller is verified.

9. A method according to claim 4, and only if the recipient telephone number is listed as being associated with a registered member, allowing the forwarding of the message.

20      10. A method for forwarding a facsimile message in email message format to a recipient, the method comprising the steps of:

          the caller dialing a dedicated facsimile number;

identifying the telephone number of the caller;  
the caller entering the facsimile number of the recipient of the  
facsimile;  
associating an email address with the facsimile number of the  
recipient; and  
forwarding the facsimile message in email message format to said  
email address.

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*b1* 11. A method according to claim 10, wherein said step of forwarding comprises  
the steps of:

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*b1* converting the facsimile message into a TIF file; and  
attaching said TIF file to the email message.

12. A method according to claim 10, and further comprising the step of:

verifying whether the caller's telephone number matches the  
registered telephone number of the caller.

15 13. A method according to claim 12, and if the identified telephone number does  
not match the registered telephone number of the caller, further comprising  
the step of:

only forwarding the facsimile message if a correct password and the  
registered telephone number associated with the caller is verified.

20 14. A method according to claim 10, and only forwarding the facsimile message  
if the recipient facsimile number is a telephone number listed as being  
associated with a registered member.